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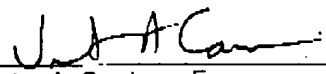
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Dear Examiner Lavinder:

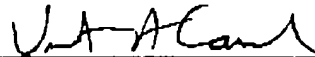
Further to our telephone conversation of December 12, 2003, attached please find a copy of our Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, which was faxed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 5, 2003, along with a copy of the corresponding Response to the February 12, 2003 Office Action, as timely filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 12, 2003.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions relative to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

- Copy of Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.181(a), with Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission
- Copy of Amendment Transmittal and Response to Office Action, dated May 12, 2003
- Copy of Return-Receipt Postcard, confirming receipt of Response, date stamped May 15, 2003